

NOTICE OF MEETING

PUBLIC BODY: **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

TODAY'S DATE: November 17, 2004

MEETING TIME: **Thursday & Friday, December 9, & 10, 2004
@ 8 a.m.**

PLACE: UNR Cooperative Extension
Lindell Learning Center
2590 Lindell Street
Las Vegas, Nevada

Don Henderson, Director

AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and acted upon but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending:

Call to Order by Chairman Benny Romero

1. **Board Business**

- A. Board recognition and presentation of award to Karen Grillo, Nevada Association of Counties, for her work in promoting and marketing agriculture in Nevada. **(INFORMATION)**
- B. Approval of minutes from August Board meeting. (Osborne) **(ACTION)**
- C. Special Reports
 - 1. Report on southern Nevada casino horticulture sector by Susan Ray, Board member; Bob Norris, Cooperative Extension; and Buddy Borden, Community Economic Development. **(INFORMATION)**
 - 2. Report and demonstration on computerization and automation of the nursery licensing program. (Cichowlaz & O'Brien) **(INFORMATION)**
 - 3. Consideration and presentation of Western States Petroleum Association's petition to repeal LCB file no. R002-04, Amendment of gasoline standards relating to the 38th parallel. **(ACTION)**
 - a. Overview and status of past Board actions-Why was this regulation change brought forward, its history and status, and its intent. (Henderson & Miller)
 - b. Presentation by the Western States Petroleum Association on petition and technical merits for repealing LCB file no. R002-04. (John Sande, Jones Vargas)
 - c. Public comments.
 - 4. Presentation by the Southern Nevada Water Authority on water applications and importation of water to southern Nevada. **(INFORMATION)**
 - i. Public comments.
- D. Review, update and adoption of Board short-term objectives (Romero) **(ACTION)**
- E. Annual Board evaluation of Director (Romero)

1. Review of Board evaluation of Director (**CLOSED SESSION**)
2. Reconvening of board meeting for action on Board evaluation (**ACTION**)
2. Board Business
 - A. Recognition of outgoing Board member, Chris Helwinkel, and welcome of incoming Board member Alan Perazzo. (Romero) (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. Recognition of Jean Osborne for her service to the Nevada Board and Department of Agriculture. (Henderson) (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. Woolgrower Association recommendations to Board for disbursement of head tax fees collected for sheep. (Satterthwaite) (**ACTION**)
 - D. *Review and consideration for Board support for the Sustainable Rangeland Roundtable Initiative. (Romero) (**ACTION**)
3. Presentation and request by the Nevada Conservation Commission for Board support on issues relating to Nevada Department of Wildlife programs governing depredation by state wildlife. Telephone conference call with James Settelmeyer, Chairman, Nevada State Conservation Commission. (**ACTION**)
4. Director's Report (Henderson)
 - A. *Report on the appointment of Rick Gimlin to the Deputy Director position and future plans for this position. (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. Status report on recruitment and selection of an Administrator for the Division of Plant Industry. (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. *Report on Board discussion on the August 26, 2004 decision on the judicial confirmation on Department actions relating to livestock impoundments conducted by federal agencies. (**INFORMATION**)
 - D. *Report and Board discussion on lawsuit filed by Douglas County against the Nevada Attorney General concerning Open Meeting Law requirements. (**INFORMATION**)
5. Division of Administration (Gimlin) (**INFORMATION**)
 - A. 2005-2007 budget request.
 - B. Vacant positions status.
 - C. *Legislative Counsel Bureau audit.
6. Division of Measurement Standards (Grabski) (**INFORMATION**)
 - A. Capital Improvement Projects.
 - B. Annual license fee and associated problems.
 - C. Update on general operations.
7. Division of Plant Industry (O'Brien)
 - A. *Adopt changes to NAC 588 relating to restricted use fertilizers. These changes include setting a fee of \$25/yr for registration to sell, defines and sets requirements for sales and dealers, sets levels for non-nutritive metals in fertilizers, exempts "ready-to-use" products as potting soils and hydroponic solutions from the rule, and defines 'agricultural' for the purposes of NRS 588.215. (**ACTION**)
 - B. Nevada Seed Laboratory update. (**INFORMATION**)
 1. Adopt temporary amendments to NAC 587.220, seed purity and germination fees. (**ACTION**)
 - C. *Adopt amendments to NAC 576.300 through 576.440, to fit the needs of Nevada unique farmer's market industry. (**ACTION**)

- D. Mormon Cricket Program Update (Knight) **(INFORMATION)**
 - 1. Discussion of proposed spray areas for 2005; 2004 financial summary; 2004 review and planning meeting summary.
 - 2. Final 2004 exotic insect trapping results. **(INFORMATION)**
- E. Noxious Weed Program (Rafferty)
 - 1. Report on public comment given at workshops & hearings held to list dock (*Rumex crispus*) on Paradise Valley Weed District weeds to control list. Amend proposed rule to incorporate responses then move to adopt temporary regulations. **(ACTION)**
 - 3. Report on progress of amending NAC 555.010, noxious weed list, to tiered system. Expect to hold workshop/hearing in January. **(INFORMATION)**
 - 4. Update on Noxious Weed Program activities for 2004; plans for 2005. **(INFORMATION)**
- F. Environmental Protection (Moses) **(INFORMATION)**
 - 1. *Quarterly report
- G. Las Vegas Report (Smigel) **(INFORMATION)**
 - 1. *Activities in Las Vegas office
- 8. **Division of Animal Industry** (Thain) **(INFORMATION)**
 - A. Animal Disease Update **(INFORMATION)**
 - 1. Bovine Tuberculosis
 - 2. West Nile Virus
 - 3. BSE
 - 4. Wyoming-Greater Yellowstone Area Brucellosis
 - B. Nevada Premise Registration for Animal ID
 - C. Animal Disease and Food Safety Laboratory
 - 1. Scrapie genetic testing
 - 2. Johnes testing
 - 3. Bovigam certification. Bovine Gamma Interferon Testing
 - 4. National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)
 - 5. WNV
 - 6. Lab remodel
 - 7. Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) training.
- 9. **Division of Livestock Identification** (Connelley)
 - A. Program Update **(INFORMATION)**
 - 1. Industry meetings
 - 2. Grand Jury investigation
 - B. Enforcement update **(INFORMATION)**
 - 1. Hay Buyers licenses
 - 2. New vehicle from HMS
 - 3. Enforcement actions & statistics
- 10. Public Comments
- 11. Travel Claims and Salary **(INFORMATION)**
- 12. Date of Next Meeting **(ACTION)**
- 13. Adjournment **(ACTION)**

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Jean Osborne at (775) 688-1180 x 230 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 (* denotes supporting documents in the board packet)

(ACTION) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. Please note what action is needed by the Board on these items. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. **Chairman Benny Romero has requested very brief reports.** Make sure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the "Board" to look at.

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